

Application No. 10/750,510  
Amendment dated September 6, 2005  
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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended): A top of a stringed instrument for mounting onto the front of a body of the stringed musical instrument, comprising:
  - a) a top a rigid top layer of the stringed instrument being disposed on the front of a musical instrument, said top layer having an exterior side and a rear side, wherein said rear side is oriented toward the front of the musical instrument and the top layer is coextensive with the front of the instrument body;
  - b) ~~a bonding layer being disposed on said rear side of said top for permanently attaching the top to the front of the musical instrument;~~
  - c) ~~a lenticulated surface layer having a plurality of convex lenses formed thereon~~ being disposed on said exterior side of said top layer for creating special visual effects, said lenticulated surface layer being coextensive with said top layer; and
  - d) ~~an image sheet having a plurality of lenticular images created by said lenticulated surface layer~~ to permit the appearance of the musical instrument to be enhanced, the sheet being affixed to the rear side of the lenticulated surface layer and coextensive therewith; and
  - d) a bonding layer being disposed between a rear side of said image sheet and said exterior side of said top layer of said instrument, for permanently bonding said lenticulated surface layer and image sheet to said top layer, whereby said top of said stringed instrument comprises a lamination of said top layer, said image sheet and said lenticulated surface layer.

2. (original): The top of Claim 1, wherein said bonding layer comprises an adhesive material.
3. (original): The top of Claim 2, wherein said bonding layer comprises glue.
4. (original): The top of Claim 2, wherein said top is complementarily shaped as the front of the musical instrument.
5. (original): The top of Claim 4, wherein said top has a plurality of apertures therein to permit the guitar hardware to pass through the apertures.
6. (original): The top of Claim 5, wherein said musical instrument comprise an electric guitar.
7. (original): The top of Claim 5, wherein said musical instrument comprises an electric bass guitar.
8. (New) The top of claim 1 wherein the lenticulated surface layer comprises a plastic sheet and the lenses are formed in parallel rows across the exterior side of the sheet.
9. (New) In a method of forming a top for a body of a stringed instrument, the method comprising the steps of:

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- a) permanently laminating a rigid top surface material, a lenticular image sheet and a lenticulated surface material together with the lenticulated surface material and said rigid top surface material, lenticular image and lenticulated surface material being shaped and sized so as to be coextensive, wherein said lenticulated surface material has a plurality of convex lenses thereon; and
- b) bonding the rigid top surface material to the instrument body.